

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

REILLY TAR & CHEMICAL CORPORATION

TO: H. L. Finch

OFFICE: St. Louis Park

FROM: W. A. Justin

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SUBJECT: Safety - Monthly Plant Tour

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On August 5, 1971, Mr. Keprios, Mr. Barton, Mr. Lindberg, and myself conducted our monthly safety and housekeeping inspection of the plant.

Our first stop was the dinky shed which needed some cleanup around the South and East side. The A&B mill was then inspected, with the exception of the new tie retainer at the tram end, no hazards were noted. The new retainer has not yet been completed and Mr. Barton stated that some welding is needed for completion. Our next stop was the incisor. This area had some junk in the room and a belt guard needs to be placed on the air compressor, and repairs made on the one on the chain drive of the incisor. We then proceeded into the yard and noted that the area around the base of #4 tank was in need of cleanup. After this we toured the tie yard and lumber yard, both of which reflected the effort that has been expended to clean them up. We also toured Wheeler's area and reached a unanimous conclusion that it looked like a disaster area, which could reflect on us.

The next area toured was the refinery. We first noted the area around the tanks at the North end of the refinery and the old incinerator in the refinery, both areas were marked for cleanup. The next area listed for cleanup was at the South end of the new pitch bay. The area around #18, 19, and 20 storage showed improvement since our last tour and work is continuing in this area to fill some remaining holes that were caused by settling of dirt into remaining trenches.

The openings in the retaining wall under the fence around the transformers have been repaired, but the weeds inside still need removing, a job that should be done by Parson's Electric.

We also noted an area Southwest of the cistern in the lumber yard where creosote oil, which had been removed from the blow-off tank, was being dumped. This should be covered since it is the type of pollution the city has complained of in the past. The practice of dumping oil in this manner should be discontinued.

Very truly yours,

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